

AL457 (3) MACHYNLLETH

MACHYNLLETH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL
(INCLUDING PENNAL CIVIL PARISH)

THE REPORT

-of-

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

-and -

SANITARY INSPECTOR

-for -

THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1948

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To the Chairman and Members of
the Machynlleth Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my annual report
for the the year ending 31st December, 1948.

VITAL STATISTICS for year ending 31st, December, 1948

Live Births		R.D.C.		Pennal.		
		Males	Females	Males	Females	
64	Total	29.	35.	7	4.	3.
61	Legitimate	28.	33	0	4.	3.
3	Illegitimate	1.	2.	0	0	0

Rate per 1000 of population = 21. Rate per 1000 = 21.

Still Births	3 Total	2.	1.	0
	3 Legit.	2.	1.	

Rate per 1000 of live births 47

Deaths of Infants

under 1.	3 Total	2.	1.	0.
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Rate per 1000 live births 47.

Deaths

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total 57	35.	22.	6	3.	3.

Deaths rate per 1000 17. 6. 18. 4.

Causes of Death

<u>Causes of Death</u>	<u>R.D.C.</u>			<u>PENNAL.</u>		
	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	
Tuberculosis	2.	1.	3.			
Cancer	3.	5.	8.	1.	1.	2
Intracranial	7.	3.	10.		1.	1.
Heart	4.	7.	11.		1.	1.
Bronchitis	3.	1.	4.			
Pneumonia	1.	0.	1.			
Resp Diseases	1.	1.	2.			
Ulcer of Stomach	1.	0.	1.			
Nephritis	3.	1.	4.	2.	0.	2.
Birth Accidents	2.	0	2.			
Violence	1.	0.	1.			
Other causes	7.	3.	10.			
	35.	22.	<u>57.</u>	2.	3.	<u>6.</u>
Total			57	Total		6.



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Water Supplies in the Rural District of Machynlleth and Civil Parish of Pennal.

If 20% of the water flowing through each village brook were dammed near its source, chlorinated and piped, to the adjacent village, the domestic and sanitary needs of the inhabitants would be amply satisfied.

But up to the present, without imperial grants, the costs have been considered prohibitive and the villagers have had to be content(!!) with a fitful service from a near by well or a covered tank connected by pipes to public stands. Very few houses in the villages have an internal domestic and sanitary water carriage system.

Houses with an internal W.C. are connected with cess pits, under the supervision of the owners.

Refuse is removed at regular intervals and removed to places approved by the Sanitary Inspector in those villages where a carter can be engaged. Much difficulty is experienced in securing the services of a carter in some places, and where successful, the costs are high. Many inhabitants bury the night soil in their gardens. Bitter complaints are often received from the housewives who are compelled by the absence of proper facilities for disposing of such refuse to resort to this objectionable practice.

Periodical examinations of the water in each case have been conducted results being in the main satisfactory. Where they were not, steps have been taken to fence off gathering areas to prevent contamination by cattle and sheep.

Llanbrynmair-Bont:- a fairly adequate and satisfactory supply from a piped spring to a standpipe.
Llan: satisfactory from a covered tank to a stand pipe.

Wynnstay: to take the place of the present spring or well, a scheme for supplying a supply from a source half a mile away has been submitted for the approval of the Welsh Board of Health, Permission to proceed is being awaited.

Commaes. Supply from a covered tank to stand pipe not enough
Investigations for increasing in progress,
Chemical and bacteriological results satisfactory.

Esgairgeiliog. Proposed to buy water from the Dolgelley Rural District Council.

Penegoes. Spring source-inadequate.

Derwenlas. gathering ground fenced off; water stored in tank; supplies now satisfactory in quantity and quality; stand pipes; school supplied.

Pennal. present supply from a tank connected to spring. Inadequate though quite fit, for domestic consumption. A proposal to dam the brook which passes through the village has been under consideration during the year but deferred.

During the year, the Council considered buying water from the Urban District of Machynlleth to supply Penegoes, Derwenlas, Pennal and Llanwrin if and when that authority put their own scheme in working order.

Until this is done, these three villages will remain as they are.

For several years the Council has had under consideration a prospect for the disposal of refuse by one or more carriers of the whole of the district in one or two "dumps" well away from any collection of houses (34 in all of them) but so far without success.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938

The Ministry of Food Slaughterhouse is situated at Machynlleth and the meat for the area is supplied from this depot. A small quantity of canned and bottled foodstuffs was condemned.

ICE-CREAM MANUFACTURE.

There are no premises within the R.D.C. where Ice Cream is manufactured.

CO SHEDS AND DAIRIES.

There are 56 Cowsheds and Dairies registered in the area which are for the production of milk either wholesale or retail.

SHOPS ACT, 1934

All the shops within the area are small and of a "One-Man" type, which does not occasion any action under the above Act in relation to heating, ventilation and closet accommodation.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION, ACT, 1919.

The Rural District Council is not responsible for the administration of this Act.

HOUSING.

Number of houses erected by the Council during the year	4.
Number in course of erection by the Council	0.
Number of houses on approved tender but work not commenced	4.
Number of Dwelling houses inspected under Housing Acts,	31.
Number of Dwelling houses classified as unfit for human habitation	17.
Number of unfit dwellings dealt with informally and major reconstruction Schemes accepted during the year	0.
Number of Statutory Notices served under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1946	0.
Number of reconditioning schemes approved under Section 11 Housing Act, 1936 after Service of Notice	0.
Number of reconditioning schemes disapproved after service of Notice under Section 11 Housing Act 1936	0.
<u>INFORMAL NOTICES.</u>	
Number Served	19.
Number complied with	12.

STATUTORY NOTICES (P.H. ACTS)

Number Served	0.
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Number of cases during the year enquired into	2.
Number of Houses involved	2.
Number of Houses disinfected	2.

COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES

Number of new registrations	0.
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ANIMALS

Number of cases causing nuisances	0.
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OFFENSIVE TRADES.

Number in district	0.
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LODGING HOUSES

Number in district	0.
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CAMPING SITES.

Number in district	0.
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BEDBUG INFESTATIONS

Cases reported	0.
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SWIMMING BATHS ETC.

Number in district	0.
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RAG FLOCK ACT

Number of premises where rag flock is manufactured
used, or sold.

0.

VISITS

Total number of visits to various works, water supplies,
houses, Housing Sites, inspection of nuisances etc., etc.,
carried out by Sanitary Inspector during the year

(Approx) 378

NUISANCES

Number of Inspection made 5.

Number of Informal Notices 5.

Number Complied with 4.

Sir, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. C. ASHTON.

Medical Officer of Health.

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